

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is a response to applicant's amendment filed 02/11/2010. In virtue of this amendment, claims 1-8 are canceled; thus, claims 9-20 are currently in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement(s) (IDS) submitted on 02/11/2010 in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-20 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose a portable communication device comprising a board configured to receive electrical circuits, the board comprising a ground plane and at least one throughhole; an antenna element provided on a first side of the board; an acoustic element placed on the board and aligned with the throughhole; and a mesh comprising an electrically conducting material positioned between a cover of the acoustic element and the board, wherein the mesh is arranged to be substantially parallel to and adjacent the at least one throughhole and is connected to the ground plane of the board to enhance the efficiency of the antenna (claims 10-20 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 9).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIEU HIEN T. DUONG whose telephone number is 571-272-8980. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W. Owens can be reached on 571-272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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